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For: <b>COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
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<b>TREATMENT OF TUMOR</b>	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application, which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 20, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This Request and Preliminary Amendment is timely filed with a concurrent Request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

**Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.